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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE EUGENE C. FURIN,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

SUBJECT: Effect Upon NSA of H. R. 4845

1. On February 11 Chairman Brooks of the House Government Activities Subcommittee introduced H. R. 4845 and indicated that the dates of hearings would be announced soon. This bill would vest in the Administrator of GSA substantial control over the purchase, lease, transfer, maintenance, and operation of automatic data processing equipment of the Federal Government, including the equipment of Government contractors. It would also establish a centralized ADP fund for the Government. The bill has been revised in an attempt to overcome the objections of DoD and numerous other agencies with respect to the imposition of external control over their internal operations.

2. Automatic data processing equipment plays a vital role in accomplishing the Agency's urgent cryptologic missions and the sensitive classified nature of the material processed with ADP requires that the most rigid security measures be applied. The proposed assignment of responsibility to an outside agency is irreconcilable with the responsibility of DoD and NSA to conduct SIGINT and COMSEC functions with the direct use of ADP systems and to safeguard the conduct of these functions. I recommend, therefore, that action be initiated to specifically exempt NSA from the provisions of H. R. 4845.

3. Congressman Brooks in his remarks on page 2586 of the Congressional Record of 11 February stated that the intent of the bill is not to include "specialized scientific or specially designed military ADP system components" within its purview. The bill does not, however, now contain specific language to exclude such ADP system components. It may be, in view of the above statement, that the Congressman may be amenable to exempting the National Security Agency from the provisions of the bill.

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4. Inclosed for your information are a copy of H. R. 4845, the Congressional Record of 11 February containing the remarks of Congressman Brooks, and an analysis of the effect upon NSA of this legislation.

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M/R: This memorandum has been approved by the Director. It states the basis for NSA's exemption from the provisions of H. R. 4845 and requests DoD to initiate action to accomplish this objective.

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